

House Resolution 361

By: Representatives Amerson of the 9th, Reece of the 27th, Bridges of the 10th, Ralston of the 7th, and Jenkins of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail is the nation's first National Scenic Trail; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail is a 2,150 mile continuous footpath which passes through
4 14 states from its southern terminus on Springer Mountain in Georgia, to its northern
5 terminus on Mt. Katahdin in Maine; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail passes through the eight North Georgia counties of
7 Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Union, Rabun, Towns, and White; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club is an all-volunteer organization which,
9 since its formation in 1930, has provided for the protection, management, and maintenance
10 of the 75.6 miles of the Appalachian Trail, 25.3 miles of associated side trails, and 22 trail
11 shelters and other structures located within the State of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia Appalachian Trail Club volunteers annually work an average of 10,000
13 volunteer hours, the equivalent of approximately five full-time employees, on trail
14 maintenance; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club is an advocate for the environment and
16 strives to foster in its members and the general public an appreciation of the outdoors and the
17 observation of conservation ethics; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary
19 throughout 2005.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club for its 75 years of

1 commitment and volunteer service to the Appalachian Trail in Georgia; its contribution to
2 recreational opportunities for Georgia residents and the many visitors who are attracted to
3 our state to enjoy these opportunities; and its efforts to encourage an awareness of the value
4 of our natural resources and of the need to protect and preserve them for future generations
5 to enjoy.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Appalachian
8 Trail Club.